

BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held at 7pm on Monday 21 October 2013, in the Upper Hall, Town Hall, Brackley.

Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor Peter Rawlinson) (ex officio),
Councillor Baker (Chairman).
Councillors: Blunden, Broomfield, Cartmell, Dutton, Morrell, Wiltshire.

Officers: Linda Carter, Alison Coomber, Claudia Francis.

In attendance: Councillor Dixon, Hayward and Rhys.

232/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bonner-Dunham, Stimpson and Thompson.

233/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

234/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jan Dean, 35 Banbury Road asked if Mike Berridge of Brackley Community Development Trust could join the Fire Station Development Sub-Committee, and that she would put the request in writing. CEO advised that it was acceptable for non-councillors to be members of sub-committees.

235/13 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell it was **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on 16 September 2013 (Minute Nos 193/13 – 201/13) be approved as a correct record

236/13 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Cllr Baker updated members on the plans for the Christmas Lights Switch-On which is to be held on the Piazza on Saturday 30 November. Jan Dean advised that shops within the Courtyard Mews would stay open and support the event and Cllr Baker is hoping that some of the other shops around the town would also stay open. Local choirs would be asked to perform and someone to officially switch on the lights would be advised in due course. More solar powered trees had been purchased to help decorate the town.

237/13 MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Broomfield, Cllr Thompson and members discussed the inspection of trees at Falcon Way which are directly below the High Voltage cables. The groundwork contractors, acting for Western Power, were recommending removal for safety reasons.

On the proposition of Cllr Broomfield it was **RESOLVED:**

That, all trees alongside the lines would be cut to a height allowing three metres clearance and that the existing hedge be improved and laid. The growth would be monitored over the next three years and, once the hedge is

of a sufficient size, then the trees would be taken out. Residents would be notified of the works and their necessity on safety grounds

238/13 ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY

Members discussed the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013. Cllr Broomfield advised that due to his commitments as a County Councillor he no longer felt able to attend these meetings and resigned from the working party. Cllr Cartmell offered to join the Working Party in his place.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes be noted and received and Cllr Cartmell would join the Allotments Working Party.

239/13 FIRE STATION DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Members discussed the setting up of the Fire Station Development Sub-Committee and who would like to be involved.

It was **RESOLVED**: that Cllrs Baker, Blunden, Cartmell, Hayward, Morrell, Thompson and Wiltshire would be members of the Fire Station Development Sub-Committee.

240/13 OFFICERS REPORTS

None.

241/13 URGENT BUSINESS

Members discussed the issue of Dog Fouling in and around the Egerton Fields Play Area.

Meeting closed at 7:33 pm

Chairman:

Date: